Response by Kennard B. Bork

to Kenneth L. Taylor's CITATION regarding the

Gerald M. and Susan T. FRIEDMAN SERVICE AWARD of the

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Deep thanks to Ken for that generous Citation -- and for more than four decades of friendship. Thanks also to the Division for formulating a Service Award. As Citationist for Bob Ginsburg, when he received the first such award in 2006, it is an honor to be standing here as the recipient in 2015.

A central theme of my response is the merit of collegiality. It has been a sustaining factor during my career in the history of geology. I left my esoteric Ph.D. topic (bryozoan paleontology) upon heading to Denison University in 1966. Doing field geology with Bob Malcuit and students was rewarding, but I realized that history of science had personal appeal and was relevant to liberal arts education. From the 1970s to 2015, I have been grateful for the amazing generosity and helpfulness of colleagues, on the national and international scenes. Their willingness to provide advice to a young researcher was most impressive.

Early on, George White, Cecil Schneer, Michele Aldrich, Ken Taylor, and many others (apologies to those not named), were invaluable aids to me -- a neophyte. As Vice Chair of this Division in 1980, I organized a symposium on the history of American paleontology. Gerry Friedman asked me to corral those papers and edit the 1982 Inaugural Edition of Earth Sciences History. Ellis Yochelson then talked Ken Taylor and me into being officers in H.E.S.S. As Bob Dott noted last year, Ellis could be very persuasive. When Bob Ginsburg generated the GSA "Rock Star" concept in the early 1990s, Bob Dott and I joined him as editors of the series. Michele Aldrich and Alan Leviton helped bring my 1994 book on Kirtley Mather to fruition. Ursula Marvin, a student of Kirtley's, responded positively to the book and was constantly supportive of my work.

My involvement as Secretary-General of INHIGEO, from 2004 through 2008, was rewarding, despite its steep learning curve. David Oldroyd provided steadfast aid in my first years on the job. Philippe Taquet, INHIGEO President, was a delight to work with, as were symposium hosts in Florence, Prague, Vilnius, Eichstätt, and Oslo.

Ken Taylor and I agreed to keep our comments short, so I will close with two points. (1) Collegiality served me extremely well over the last half century, and I hope that young members of our Division will profit from continued support of senior scholars. And, (2) no commentary on collegiality would be complete without honoring my ultimate colleague, and wife of 52 years, Kay Odell Bork...

With thanks to GSA and to all of you.